

Form 990

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2009 and ending 12-31-2009

B Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization ACTON INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND LIBERTY Doing Business As	D Employer identification number 38-2926822
		E Telephone number (616) 454-3080	
		G Gross receipts \$ 5,422,543	
		F Name and address of principal officer ROBERT SIRICO 161 OTTAWA AVENUE NW SUITE 301 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503	H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) ◀(Insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
J Website: ▶ WWW.ACTON.ORG			

K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	L Year of formation 1990	M State of legal domicile MI
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Part I

Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities TO PROMOTE A FREE AND VIRTUOUS SOCIETY CHARACTERIZED BY INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND SUSTAINED BY RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 3 14		
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 13		
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a) 5 39		
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 30			
7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . . 7a 0			
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . . 7b -55,343			
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	5,901,396	4,877,260
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	157,630	399,591
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	134,807	13,523
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	44,541	-3,558
	12		6,238,374	5,286,816
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	100,622	304,510
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	2,225,642	1,908,288
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶359,456		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	3,046,662	1,795,113
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	5,372,926	4,007,911
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	865,448	1,278,905
Net Assets or Fund Balances			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	5,155,778	6,363,086
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	162,181	226,374
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	4,993,597	6,136,712

Part II

Signature Block

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge			
	*****		2010-06-03	
	Signature of officer		Date	
	ROBERT SIRICO PRESIDENT Type or print name and title			

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ▶ MARGARET W BISHOP CPA	Date	Check if self-employed ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶	BEENE GARTER LLP 50 MONROE AVE NW SUITE 600 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495032679		EIN ▶
				Phone no ▶ (616) 235-5200

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1

Briefly describe the organization’s mission

MISSION OF THE ACTON INSTITUTE IS TO PROMOTE A FREE AND VIRTUOUS SOCIETY CHARACTERIZED BY INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND SUSTAINED BY RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes

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No

If “Yes,” describe these new services on Schedule O

3

Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes

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No

If “Yes,” describe these changes on Schedule O

4

Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization’s three largest program services by expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a

(Code) (Expenses \$ 1,536,648 including grants of \$ 254,122) (Revenue \$ 310,441)

EDUCATION ACTON'S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS AN OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE RELIGIOUS LEADERS, BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, AND WORKS TO PROMOTE AN UNDERSTANDING OF MARKET PRINCIPLES AND TO ENCOURAGE THE ECONOMIC FREEDOM THAT CREATES OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL THE INSTITUTE SPONSORS CONFERENCES AIMED AT EDUCATING RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF ALL DENOMINATIONS AND PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH VARIOUS PROGRAMS OF THE OUTREACH AREA THE INSTITUTE SPONSORED SEVEN DOMESTIC STUDENT CONFERENCES FOR FUTURE RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND OTHER SHAPERS OF THE MORAL CULTURE THE CONFERENCES INCLUDED THE ACTON UNIVERSITY, WHICH IS AN ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FOUR-DAY EXPLORATION OF THE INTELLECTUAL FOUNDATIONS OF A FREE SOCIETY MANY STUDENTS SELECTED TO ATTEND OUR CONFERENCES RECEIVE FULL OR PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS, WHICH COVER ROOM & BOARD EXPENSES AS WELL AS CONFERENCE FEES IN 2009, CLOSE TO 400 STUDENTS FROM 38 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES ATTENDED, AND LIMITED TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS WERE PROVIDED IN CASES OF NEED EXPENSES WERE ALSO INCURRED FOR A DISCOVERY PROCESS TO IDENTIFY AND EDUCATE CLERGY, STUDENTS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND SEMINARY FACULTY MEMBERS WHO ASSIST US IN FURTHERING OUR PROGRAMS THE PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT IS ALSO AN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE DEDICATED TO ADVANCING THE BUSINESS ETHICS MODEL OF ENTREPRENEURIAL STEWARDSHIP, ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING BUSINESS LEADERS IN THE ACTIVE INTEGRATION OF INTEGRITY WITH THEIR PROFESSION INTERNATIONALLY, WE HELD FOUR CONFERENCES ON VARIOUS TOPICS INCLUDING CATHOLIC EDUCATION, POVERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS IN ROME, ITALY, AND A CO-SPONSORED A STUDENT CONFERENCE IN AUSTRIA OUR ROME OFFICE ALSO HELD REGULAR SMALL LECTURES AT THE OFFICE

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ 397,034 including grants of \$ 34,050) (Revenue \$ 4,590)

RESEARCH THE INSTITUTE'S ACADEMIC INVESTIGATIONS ARE CONDUCTED BY ITS RESEARCH DEPARTMENT THE WORK PRODUCED BY RESEARCH INCLUDES THE DISCIPLINES OF PHILOSOPHY, ECONOMICS, THEOLOGY, AND HISTORY, AMONG OTHERS, AND IT INCLUDES THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BOTH IN-HOUSE RESEARCH FELLOWS AND OF INVITED SCHOLARS ADDITIONALLY, THE INVESTIGATIONS PRODUCED AT THE ACTON INSTITUTE ARE DELIVERED WIDELY AT CONFERENCES WITH THE GOAL OF REACHING THE SCHOLARLY COMMUNITY AT LARGE THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT PUBLISHES BOOKS, JOURNALS, MONOGRAPHS AND OCCASIONAL PAPERS THE JOURNAL OF MARKETS & MORALITY IS A SEMI-ANNUAL REFEREED JOURNAL THAT PROVIDES A FORUM FOR SCHOLARS TO ENGAGE IN ISSUES CONCERNING THE MORALITY OF THE MARKETPLACE THE CHRISTIAN SOCIAL THOUGHT SERIES EXAMINES, IN EACH VOLUME, A KEY ECONOMIC ISSUE FACING THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH THE ETHICS AND ECONOMICS SERIES PRODUCES BOOKS THAT INTEGRATE NATURAL LAW THEORY AND ECONOMIC THOUGHT THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT ALSO MANAGES ACTON'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS THE ANNUAL NOVAK AWARD RECIPIENT WAS PRESENTED WITH A PRIZE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND REWARD NEW RESEARCH INTO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RELIGION, ECONOMIC FREEDOM, AND THE FREE AND VIRTUOUS SOCIETY FELLOWSHIPS WERE AWARDED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, IN THE FORM OF ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS AND TRAVEL GRANTS, TO PROMISING SEMINARIANS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO ARE ADVANCING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ECONOMIC LIBERTY AND RELIGIOUS VALUES

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ 735,303 including grants of \$ 16,338) (Revenue \$ 69,695)

MEDIA THE MEDIA DEPARTMENT PROMOTES ACTON'S MESSAGE THROUGH VARIOUS MEDIA PRODUCTS AND OUTLETS, IN ADDITION TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF HIGHLY SELECTIVE AWARDS IN 2009 DISTRIBUTION OF OUR FEATURE LENGTH FILMS CONTINUED WITH SCREENINGS IN LOCATIONS ACROSS THE U S AND INTERNATIONALLY THE FILMS ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AN INTELLECTUALLY AND EMOTIONALLY PERSUASIVE PLATFORM FOR ACTON THEMES "CALL OF THE ENTREPRENEUR" AND "BIRTH OF FREEDOM" WERE ALSO SOLD WIDELY THROUGH VARIOUS CHANNELS A MULTI-PART VIDEO CURRICULUM CALLED "EFFECTIVE STEWARDSHIP" WAS RELEASED IN THE FALL THROUGH ZONDERVAN AND DISTRIBUTED IN RETAIL OUTLETS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AS WELL AS ONLINE THE MEDIA DEPARTMENT MANAGES THE GROWING ACTON WEBSITE WHICH IS USING LEADING TECHNOLOGY TO INTEGRATE TEXT, AUDIO, AND VIDEO CONTENT IN AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE FORMAT FOR WEB VISITORS THE SAMARITAN AWARD IS A BI-ANNUAL RECOGNITION OF THE BEST CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES THAT OPERATE PREDOMINATELY WITH PRIVATE FUNDS THE AWARD IDENTIFIES PROGRAMS THAT EXEMPLIFY THE KEY PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE COMPASSION THESE PRINCIPLES DEMONSTRATE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN THE PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL AREAS THE EXCEPTIONAL CHARITIES RECOGNIZED BY THE SAMARITAN AWARD HELP INDIVIDUALS BREAK THE CYCLE OF DEPENDENCY BY PROVIDING HELP THAT IS DIRECT, PERSONAL, AND ACCOUNTABLE IN 2009, THE SAMARITAN AWARD RECEIVED 300 APPLICATIONS AND RECOGNIZED FIFTEEN CHARITIES, ONE GRAND PRIZE WINNER AND FOURTEEN RUNNERS UP, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CHARITABLE PROGRAMS THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL SELECTS THE BEST 50 CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN AMERICA THE HONOR ROLL PROVIDES A POWERFUL RESOURCE TO PARENTS AND EDUCATORS BY ACKNOWLEDGING THOSE SCHOOLS THAT BEST MAINTAIN HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS, UPHOLD THEIR CATHOLIC IDENTITIES, AND PREPARE STUDENTS TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE THE WORLD BY USING THE POWER OF INCENTIVES AND COMPETITION, THE BEST SCHOOLS ARE HIGHLIGHTED TO INSPIRE IMITATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT AMONG ALL THE SCHOOLS SINCE THE PROGRAM BEGAN IN 2004, MORE THAN 300 MEDIA STORIES HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THE FACT THAT THESE SCHOOLS HAVE EARNED THIS DISTINCTION AND ARE REMAINING FAITHFUL TO THEIR CALLING

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O) See also Additional Data for Description

(Expenses \$ 699,397 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 42,775)

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Total program service expenses

\$ 3,368,382

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Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No	
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 	1	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? 	2	Yes	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3		No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4		No
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6		No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8		No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9		No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10		No
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable. 	11	Yes	
	• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.			
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.			
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.			
	• Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.			
	• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.			
	• Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.			
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII 	12	Yes	
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year?	Yes	No	
	If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional 	12A		No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	Yes	
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I 	14b	Yes	
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II 	15	Yes	
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III 	16	Yes	
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	17		No
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	Yes	
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19		No
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20		No

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	34		No
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35		No
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable	1a39		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	1b0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a39		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)	2b		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	Yes	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶IT See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?	5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	Yes	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		No
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b		

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body . . .	1a	14	
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . .	1b	13	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? . . .	3		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? . . .	5		No
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes	
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes	
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? . . .	7b		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9		No

Section B. Policies

(This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

			Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		No
b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	10b		
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11	Yes	
11A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990			
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	Yes	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes	
	If "Yes" to line a or b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a		No
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed▶MI
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ▶ KRIS MAUREN 161 OTTAWA AVE NW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495032718 (616) 454-3080

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees See instructions for definition of "key employee "
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors , institutional trustees , officers , key employees , highest compensated employees , and former such persons

☐ Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current or former officer, director, trustee or key employee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
REV ROBERT A SIRICO DIRECTOR	50 00	X		X				160,000	0	872
DAVID HUMPHREYS CHAIRMAN	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
FRANK HANNA III VICE CHAIRMAN	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
DAVID MILROY TREASURER	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
DR ALEJANDRO CHAFUEN SECRETARY	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
ROBERT COSTELLO DIRECTOR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
DR GAYLEN BYKER DIRECTOR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
BARRY CONNER DIRECTOR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
JC HUIZENGA DIRECTOR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
SIDNEY JANSMA JR DIRECTOR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
JOHN KENNEDY III DIRECTOR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
KENNETH MURASKI DIRECTOR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
REV REN BROEKHUIZEN DIRECTOR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
KRIS MAUREN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	50 00			X				158,000	0	15,200
TOM VOGT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	50 00			X				65,417	0	9,625

1b	Total	383,417	0	25,697
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2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **2**

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	Yes	
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **0**

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c	105,965				
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	4,771,295				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ 103,458						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		4,877,260				
Program Service Revenue	2a	CONFERENCE AND MEETING	Business Code	900,099	282,921	282,921		
	b	SALES OF MEDIA PRODUCT		900,099	69,677	69,677		
	c	SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS		900,099	41,766	41,766		
	d	SUBSCRIPTIONS		900,099	5,027	5,027		
	e	EVENT FEES		900,099	200	200		
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		399,591				
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		17,749			17,749
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . .						
5		Royalties						
6a		Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
b		Less rental expenses						
c		Rental income or (loss)						
d		Net rental income or (loss)						
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other	18,167	1,500		
b		Less cost or other basis and sales expenses			21,225	2,668		
c		Gain or (loss)			-3,058	-1,168		
d		Net gain or (loss)			-4,226			-4,226
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 105,965 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18						
			a		27,680			
b		Less direct expenses	b		59,148			
c		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . .			-31,468			-31,468
9a		Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19						
			a					
b	Less direct expenses	b						
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . .							
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .							
		a		72,507				
b	Less cost of goods sold	b		52,686				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . .			19,821	19,821			
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
11a	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		900,099	8,089			8,089	
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d			8,089				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions			5,286,816	419,412	0	-9,856	

Part IX

Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21	19,015	19,015		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	116,308	116,308		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	169,187	169,187		
4	Benefits paid to or for members			51,012	65,042
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	409,114	293,060		
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	1,221,008	1,034,817	56,611	129,580
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	41,106	33,742	2,625	4,739
9	Other employee benefits	144,451	115,491	7,697	21,263
10	Payroll taxes	92,609	73,495	3,629	15,485
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	3,714	254	3,460	
c	Accounting	18,688	320	18,368	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	332,835	303,855	15,661	13,319
12	Advertising and promotion	20,860	20,681	73	106
13	Office expenses	364,710	294,009	24,197	46,504
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	233,401	165,747	52,432	15,222
17	Travel	188,335	139,198	22,976	26,161
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	386,942	385,061	805	1,076
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	133,536	80,122	41,396	12,018
23	Insurance				
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a	HONORARIUMS	84,221	83,871		350
b	MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT	29,398	22,223	4,027	3,148
c	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	18,260	4,273	9,670	4,317
d	PUBLICATIONS	16,472	13,653	1,693	1,126
e	UBIT REFUND	-36,259		-36,259	
f	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	4,007,911	3,368,382	280,073	359,456
26	Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X

Balance Sheet

					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			4,640	1	21,416
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			1,877,701	2	3,345,173
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			1,265,062	3	1,233,700
	4	Accounts receivable, net			54,785	4	89,481
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L				5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use			97,706	8	76,371
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			47,221	9	43,762
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	1,422,976			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b	948,399	531,329	10c	474,577
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			204,846	11	170,617
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11			1,072,488	12	907,989
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11				13	
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11				15	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			5,155,778	16	6,363,086	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			157,927	17	222,119
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue				19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D				21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties				23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24	
	25	Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D			4,254	25	4,255
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			162,181	26	226,374
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			3,594,644	27	4,163,498
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			1,398,953	28	1,973,214
	29	Permanently restricted net assets				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds				30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund				31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds				32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			4,993,597	33	6,136,712
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			5,155,778	34	6,363,086	

Part XI

Financial Statements and Reporting

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . .	2a	No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	Yes
c	If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	2c	Yes
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separated basis		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits . . .	3b	

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization ACTON INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND LIBERTY	Employer identification number 38-2926822
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

- 1

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A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2

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A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)
- 3

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A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4

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A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state
- 5

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An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)
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A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7

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An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 8

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A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9

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An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)
- 10

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An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See**section 509(a)(4).**
- 11

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An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

a

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Type I

b

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Type II

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Type III - Functionally integrated

d

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Type III - Other

e

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By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)

f

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If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g

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Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i)

a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?

(ii)

a family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii)

a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h

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Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	3,606,202	4,610,609	4,617,966	5,901,396	4,877,260	23,613,433
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	3,606,202	4,610,609	4,617,966	5,901,396	4,877,260	23,613,433
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						3,983,569
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						19,629,864

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	3,606,202	163,226	4,617,966	5,901,396	4,877,260	23,613,433
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	171,883	163,226	222,186	135,399	17,749	710,443
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	20,900	27,070	38,990	25,545	27,680	140,185
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets	31,196	26,347	56,075	88,043	80,596	282,257
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						24,746,318
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	820,615

13 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

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Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	79 320 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	82 940 %

16a 33 1/3% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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b 33 1/3% support test—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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18 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions

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Part IIISupport Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
20 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions		

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.
Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	
	<div>Yes</div> <div>No</div>	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit	
	<div>Yes</div> <div>No</div>	

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)

☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area

☐ Protection of natural habitat

☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

☐ Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a–2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

Yes

No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year \$

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

Yes

No

9

In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization’s financial statements that describes the organization’s accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i)

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

\$

(ii)

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

\$

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

\$

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

\$

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3

Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☐ Public exhibition

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

b

☐ Scholarly research

e

☐ Other

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a	Beginning of year balance				
b	Contributions				
c	Investment earnings or losses				
d	Grants or scholarships				
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs				
f	Administrative expenses				
g	End of year balance				

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ %

b

Permanent endowment ▶ %

c

Term endowment ▶ %

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i)

unrelated organizations

3a(i)

☐ Yes

☐ No

(ii)

related organizations

3a(ii)

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

3b

☐ Yes

☐ No

4

Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a	Land			
b	Buildings			
c	Leasehold improvements	470,533	299,569	170,964
d	Equipment	326,663	211,473	115,190
e	Other	625,780	437,357	188,423
Total.	Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)			474,577

Part XI

Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2	5,286,816
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	4,007,911
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	2	1,278,905
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	-135,790
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	-135,790
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	1,143,115

Part XII

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	5,151,026
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	-135,790
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-135,790
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	5,286,816
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	5,286,816

Part XIII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	4,007,911
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	4,007,911
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	4,007,911

Part XIV

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
		EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009, THE COMPANY ADOPTED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (FASB) PROVISIONS RELATED TO ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES, WHICH CLARIFIES THE ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING FOR UNCERTAINTIES IN INCOME TAX LAW. THE PROVISIONS PRESCRIBE A COMPREHENSIVE MODEL FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT RECOGNITION, MEASUREMENT, PRESENTATION, AND DISCLOSURE OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN IN INCOME TAX RETURNS. THERE WAS NO IMPACT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS UPON ADOPTING THESE PROVISIONS.

Schedule F (Form 990) 2009

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16.
Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

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Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any additional information.

Schedule F (Form 990) 2009

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19,
or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I

Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1

Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

a

☐ Mail solicitations

b

☐ Internet and e-mail solicitations

c

☐ Phone solicitations

d

☐ In-person solicitations

e

☐ Solicitation of non-government grants

f

☐ Solicitation of government grants

g

☐ Special fundraising events

2a

Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising activities?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table.

(i) Name of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
Total ▶						

3

List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II Fundraising Events.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

Revenue			(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
			ANNUAL DINNER			(Add col (a) through col (c))
			(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
1	Gross receipts	. . .	133,645			133,645
2	Less Charitable contributions	. . .	105,965			105,965
3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	. . .	27,680			27,680
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes				
	5	Non-cash prizes				
	6	Rent/facility costs				
	7	Food and beverages	29,673			29,673
	8	Entertainment				
	9	Other direct expenses	29,474			29,474
	10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				59,147
	11	Net income summary Combine lines 3, column d, and line 10. ▶				-31,467

Part III Gaming.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Revenue			(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming
						(Add col (a) through col (c))
1	Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes				
	3	Non-cash prizes				
	4	Rent/facility costs				
	5	Other direct expenses				
	6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				
	8	Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1, column d, and line 7 ▶				

		Yes	No
9	Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities _____		
a	Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	9a	
b	If "No," Explain _____ _____		
10a	Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a	
b	If "Yes," Explain _____ _____		
11	Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11	
12	Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?	12	

		Yes	No
13	Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in		
a	The organization's facility 13a		
b	An outside facility 13b		
14	Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records		
Name ►			
Address ►			
15a	Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?	15a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ _____		
c	If "Yes," enter name and address		
Name ►			
Address ►			
16	Gaming manager information		
Name ►			
Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____			
Description of services provided ►			
<input type="checkbox"/> Director/officer <input type="checkbox"/> Employee <input type="checkbox"/> Independent contractor			
17	Mandatory distributions		
a	Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?	17a	
b	Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ _____		

Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990

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Part I

General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1

Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☒ Yes ☐ No
- 2

Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed ▶ ☐

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC Code section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
DONOR'S TRUSTPO BOX 1305 109 N HENRY ST ALEXANDRIA,VA 22313	522166327		18,300				CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION FOR PURPOSES DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE RECIPIENT

2

Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations

1

3

Enter total number of other organizations

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

		Yes	No
1a	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)</div></div>		
b	If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b	Yes
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2	Yes
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</div></div>		
4	During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization: <div><div>a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</div><div>b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</div><div>c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</div></div> If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III	4a	No
		4b	No
		4c	No
5	Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9. For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of: <div><div>a The organization?</div><div>b Any related organization?</div></div> If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III	5a	No
		5b	No
6	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of: <div><div>a The organization?</div><div>b Any related organization?</div></div> If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III	6a	No
		6b	No
7	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7	No
8	Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8	No
9	If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a

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Part III **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

NonCash Contributions

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►Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
► Attach to Form 990.

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Part I

Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of Contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications	X		16,717	FAIR MARKET VALUE
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	6	81,181	FAIR MARKET VALUE
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
COMPUTER				
25 Other ► (<u>EQUIPMENT</u>)	X	1	5,560	FAIR MARKET VALUE
26 Other ► (_____)				
27 Other ► (_____)				
28 Other ► (_____)				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement29

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell non-cash contributions?

33 If the organization did not report revenues in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II

Yes

No

No

Yes

No

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

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Part II

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information to Form 990

**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**
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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 6		THE ORGANIZATION HAS MEMBERS WHO MAY ELECT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS WERE APPOINTED IN THE FOUNDING DOCUMENTS OF INCORPORATION NEW MEMBERS MAY BE ADDED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE FULL MEMBERS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BY UNANIMOUS ACTION, MAY TERMINATE THE MEMBERSHIP OF ANY MEMBER WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE BY LAWS OR REGULATIONS
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7a		MEMBERS HAVE THE ABILITY TO ELECT OR APPOINT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING BODY, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE BY-LAWS GRANT MEMBERS THE POWER TO FILL VACANCIES OR REMOVE EXISTING DIRECTORS BY A MAJORITY VOTE
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11		A DRAFT COPY OF THE FORM 990 IS ELECTRONICALLY PROVIDED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO FILING IN ADDITION, A COPY OF THE FORM 990 DRAFT WILL BE AVAILABLE IN A SECURED PART OF THE WEBSITE
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		PERIODIC REVIEW OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND ANY OUTSIDE SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS AND PROVIDERS
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		THE BOARD INVESTIGATES AND DETERMINES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT SALARIES AND COMPENSATION THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES DETERMINE ALL OTHERS THE PROCESS INCLUDES COMPARISON TO SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS AND SALARY SURVEYS AS WELL AS ANALYSIS OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND PERFORMANCE
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
		FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 2C THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE PROCESSES PERFORMED BY THOSE WHO HAVE OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT FROM THE PRIOR YEAR

Additional Data

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Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

4d. Other program services					
(Code) (Expenses \$	699,397	including grants of \$) (Revenue \$	42,775)
GENERAL EDUCATION THE INSTITUTE SEEKS TO REACH OUT TO BUSINESS LEADERS, POLICY MAKERS, AND RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP GROUPS THROUGH LECTURES AND VARIOUS WRITINGS THE 2009 ANNUAL DINNER WAS HELD TO PROMOTE OUTREACH AND TO THANK SUPPORTERS FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INSTITUTE THE DINNER AND PROGRAM FESTIVITIES INCLUDED AN ADDRESS BY A PROMINENT KEYNOTE SPEAKER ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE INSTITUTE AND ITS SUPPORTERS THERE WERE 500 IN ATTENDANCE AND ADMISSION WAS CHARGED TO DEFRAY EXPENSES INCURRED THE ACTON LECTURE SERIES HOSTED SIX LOCAL LUNCHEONS DURING THE YEAR, WITH AN AVERAGE ATTENDENCE OF 84 INDIVIDUALS PER LECTURE THE INSTITUTE ALSO SPONSORED SEVERAL OTHER LUNCHEON AND DINNER EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY ACTON INSTITUTE ALSO OPERATES A BOOKSTORE TO PROMOTE AND SELL ITS OWN PUBLICATIONS, IN ADDITION TO OUTSIDE PUBLICATIONS, RELATED TO OUR MISSION AND PROGRAM OUTREACH AREAS					

Form 990, Part VIII - Statement of Revenue - 2a - 2g Program Service Revenue -

	Business Code	(A) Total Revenue	(B) Related or Exempt Function Revenue	(C) Unrelated Business Revenue	(D) Revenue Excluded from Tax under IRC 512, 513, or 514
CONFERENCE AND MEETING	900,099	282,921	282,921		
SALES OF MEDIA PRODUCT	900,099	69,677	69,677		
SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS	900,099	41,766	41,766		
SUBSCRIPTIONS	900,099	5,027	5,027		
EVENT FEES	900,099	200	200		

Form 990, Part IX - Statement of Functional Expenses - 24a - 24e Other Expenses

<i>Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
HONORARIUMS	84,221	83,871		350
MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT	29,398	22,223	4,027	3,148
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	18,260	4,273	9,670	4,317
PUBLICATIONS	16,472	13,653	1,693	1,126
UBIT REFUND	-36,259		-36,259	